

Comparatives III - Irregular Adjectives, *as ... as*

Learn!

- a. The weather was **bad** last week and it's getting **worse**.
- b. The food was very **good** last time we came, but today it's even **better**!
- c. My house is **far** from school, but yours is **farther**!
- d. The Tropic Hotel is not **as expensive as** the Royal Hotel.
- e. Wow! My apartment isn't **as big as** Anna's.

Work it out!

1 Look at sentences a, b and c above. Write the comparative forms of the adjectives.

- a. bad _____ b. good _____ c. far _____

2 Answer the questions about the sentences d and e.

- a. How many things are we comparing in each sentence? _____
- b. Which hotel is cheaper? _____
- c. Which apartment is bigger? _____
- d. Which words go before and after the adjectives? _____
- e. Do the adjectives change their form? _____

Use!

1 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in their comparative form.

bad far good

- a. A: Take this medicine to feel _____. B: Yes, thank you.
- b. Let's go to my place. Your house is _____ and I don't want to walk too much.
- c. This hostel is horrible! It's _____ than the one on the beach.

2 Write the sentences with *as... as...*

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| a. George is older than Rob. | Rob isn't _____. |
| b. Lea is taller than Carlos. | Carlos isn't _____. |
| c. Julia's car is more expensive than mine. | My car isn't _____. |
| d. Tony is more intelligent than Sandy. | Sandy _____. |

Comparative adjectives

We use the comparative form of adjectives to show the differences and similarities between two people or two objects. For adjectives of one syllable, we add *-er* to the adjective and the word *than*. If the adjective ends in *-y*, we change it to *i* and add *-er*.

The cat is smaller than the dog.

This task is easier than the last one.

For most other adjectives of two syllables and for all adjectives of three syllables or more we use *more* + adjective + *than*.

The computer is more modern than the TV.

Suspense stories are more interesting than romance stories.

For the adjectives *good* and *bad* we use *better* and *worse* respectively.

Dracula is better than Frankenstein.

Frankenstein is worse than Dracula.

Task 1: Underline the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. Dracula is more intelligent *than* / *that* Frankenstein's monster.
2. Winter is *cold* / *colder* than summer.
3. A castle is *bigger* / *more big* than a house.
4. Suspense stories make me *most* / *more* nervous than fantasy stories.

Task 2: Complete the text with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

I have two very good friends, Sam and Lourdes, and they are totally different. For example, Sam is much (1) _____ (tall) than Lourdes and he's (2) _____ (thin), too.

He's also (3) _____ (energetic) and plays a lot of sports. Lourdes is (4) _____

(musical) than Sam—in fact, she's generally (5) _____ (artistic). Her hair is

(6) _____ (long) than Sam's, and a lot (7) _____ (curly) and she's

(8) _____ (interested) in clothes and fashion. I don't think one is (9) _____

(intelligent) than the other; they are both clever and very nice people.